

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
August 28, 2013
12:00

Members & Guest: Jane Edwards (guest), Bob Gilchrist, Geoff Hill, Ross Nason, Elery Keene, Lass Von Appen, Ely Yang (guest), Linda Woods

A discussion was held about The Taste of Waterville.

Things that went well:

- Estimated 700 pounds of materials were saved from the waste stream. (This as lower than last year because attendance was down.)
- Things went so much smoother than the last 2 years.
- Set up went well because barrels and stations were in place. Having the materials & people to set up at 2:00 was helpful.
- Putting the materials for each station into SMMC bags worked well.
- Staff, set up, volunteers were great.
- Geoff recycled the vendors' aluminum trays at One Steel in Oakland.

To be Improved:

- need laminated signs for each station to say "Recycling & Waste Station"
- Number the stations
- Maybe use golf course numbered signs
- Put the table tents on the City's garbage cans. Doing this might encourage some to compost
- On-going problem: Some of the vendors used clear plastic bags.

Action Item:

Linda: send a note of appreciation to Parks & Rec

Geoff was paid for his time as director and for sorting at the farm. We are still hoping for money to pay Eric & Lass for their assistance at the farm. Geoff thanked Lass & Eric for their help.

Potential Upcoming Projects:

- Assist Waterville Solid Waste Committee
- Any fall events?

Action Item:

Ross: Contact Jennifer Olsen about Harvest Fest

- Role of this team for the Nov. 2 conference? Volunteers for set up & break down? More details on this will be forthcoming.
- Educational campaign about waste relating to plastic straws
- Create a swap shop in the Waterville-Winslow area
- Work with Shredding on Site to improve the appearance (signage, containers, pavement)
- Home composting demonstration
- SMMC will have a column in *The Sentinel* starting in September. RX4's turn will probably be in December.

Bob is on a committee that has been tasked with creating a suggestion for the Waterville-Winslow solid waste.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 18** at **noon** at **Pad Thai, Too**.